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Internet UFO blogger Daniel Webster, on his way to cover a story on the Jericho Lights, discovers a half-naked and heavily traumatized young girl stranded on the highway. Rushed to the local hospital, she turns out to be local 19-year-old Zaya Vahn, who went missing nearly 3 years ago. While Daniel undergoes intense interrogation by local police, Dr. Edwards and Nurse Thompson try unsuccessfully to keep Zaya's Aunt Elyse from having contact with her niece. Zaya reveals a shocking new side to herself when she attacks Nurse Thompson, burning her to death by apparent pyrokinesis.

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I'VE BEEN ALL OVER THIS TOWN LOOKING FOR A ROOM. PLEASE TELL ME YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING.
the visitor motel
WELCOME TRU BLIEVRZ
UMM...HELLO? I SAID -
I HEARD YOU. YOU WANT A ROOM.
I'M A PEOPLE'S ASS by John Kerry
WHAT IS IT WITH THIS TOWN? WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO OLD FASHIONED TEXAS HOSPITALITY?
YOU WANT A ROOM OR NOT?
BREAKING NEWS 4
112. TRY TO IGNORE THE NOISE.
THANKS. BUT I THINK I COULD SLEEP THROUGH A NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST AT THIS POINT.

BREAKING NEWS
COULD YOU TURN THAT UP?
LIVE
...NURSE AT JERICHO COUNTY HOSPITAL WAS FOUND DEAD EARLIER THIS EVENING A THE RESULT OF SEVERE BURN RELATED INJURIES.
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YOU AIN'T KIDDIN.'
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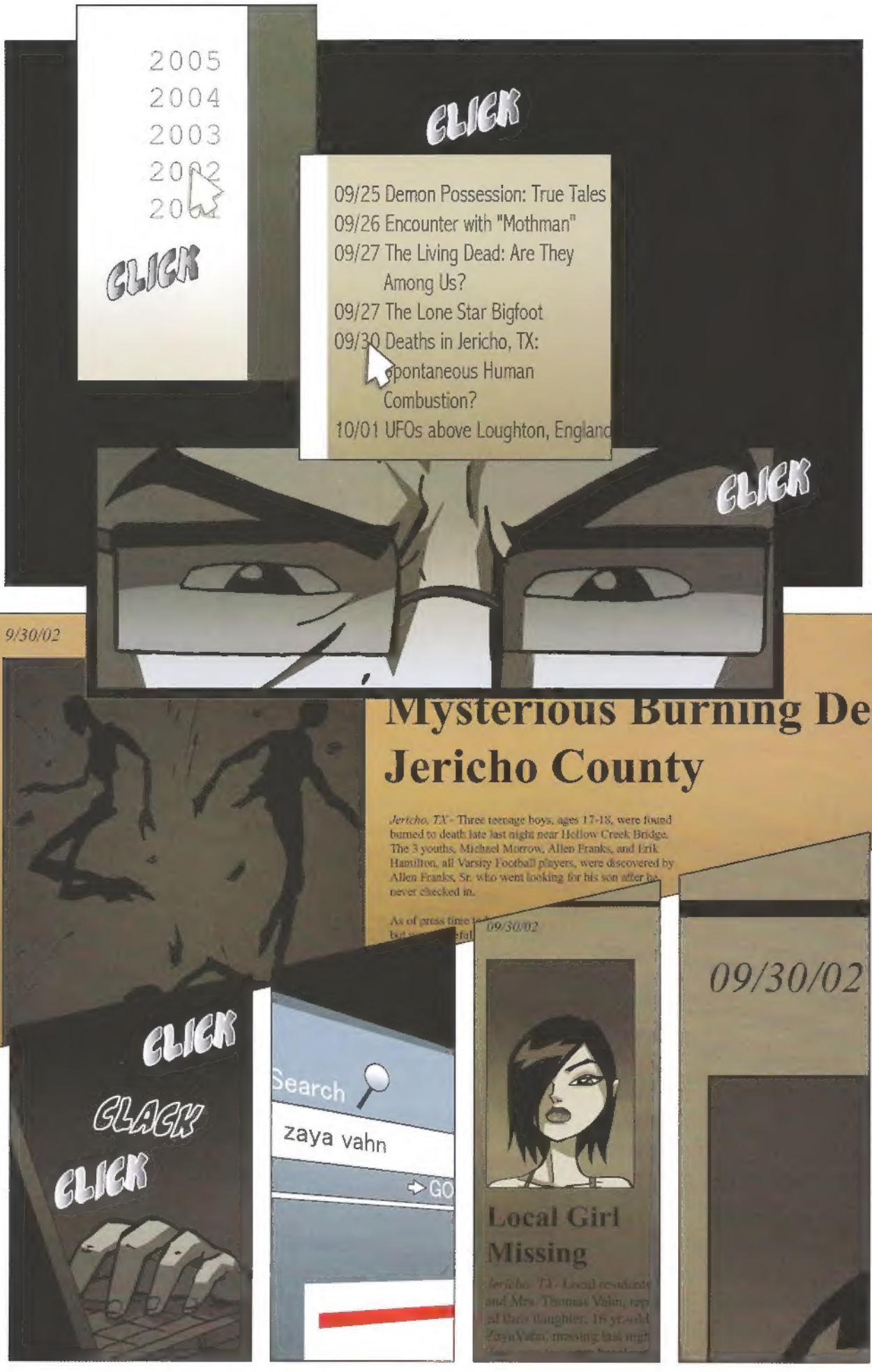
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09/27 The Lone Star Bigfoot
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9/30/02
Mysterious Burning Dea
Jericho County
Jericho, TX - Three teenage boys, ages 17-18, were found burned to death late last night near Hollow Creek Bridge. The 3 youths, Michael Morrow, Allen Franks, and Erik Hamilton, all Varsity Football players, were discovered by Allen Franks, Sr. who went looking for his son after he never checked in.
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Local Girl Missing
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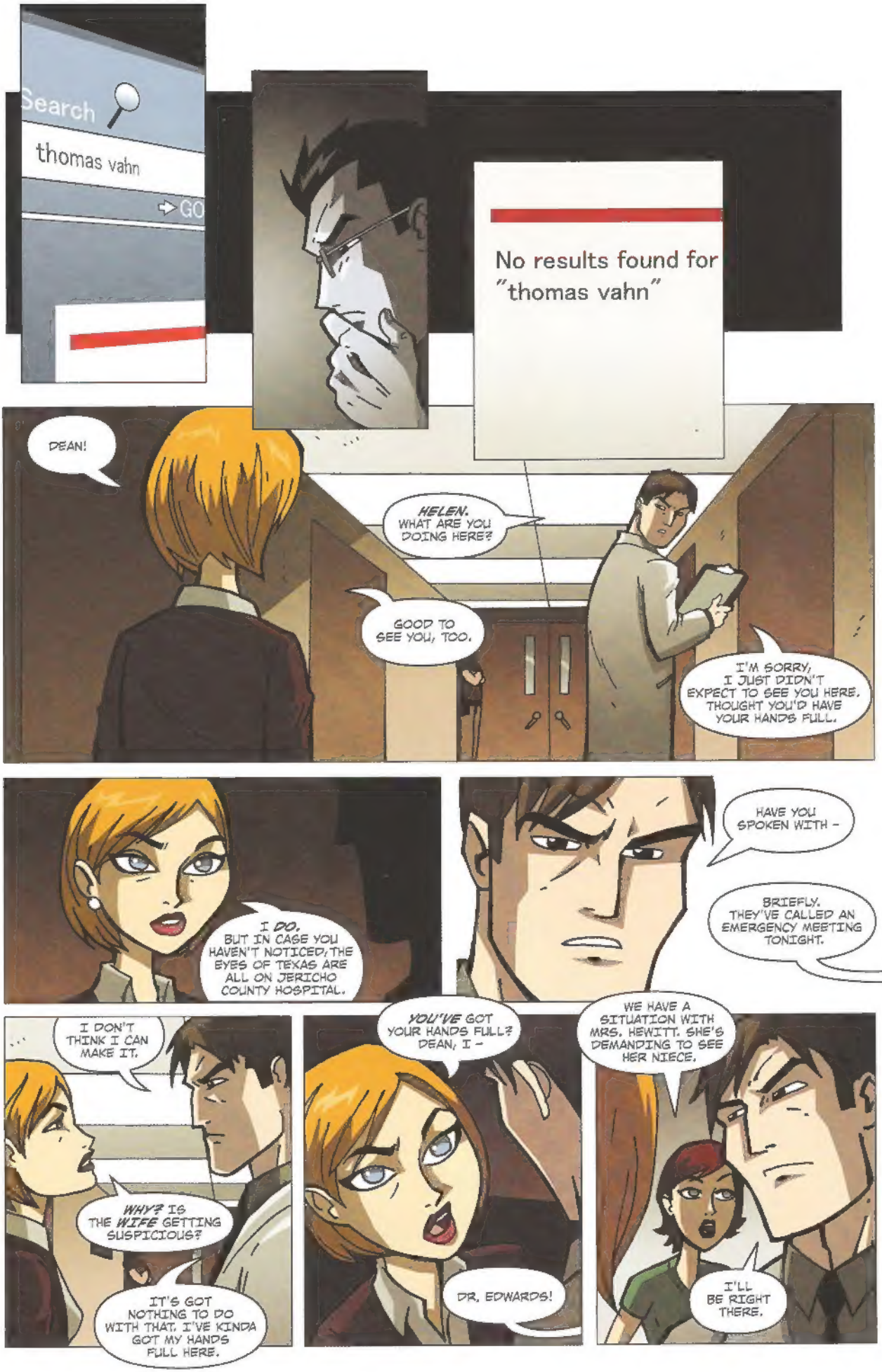
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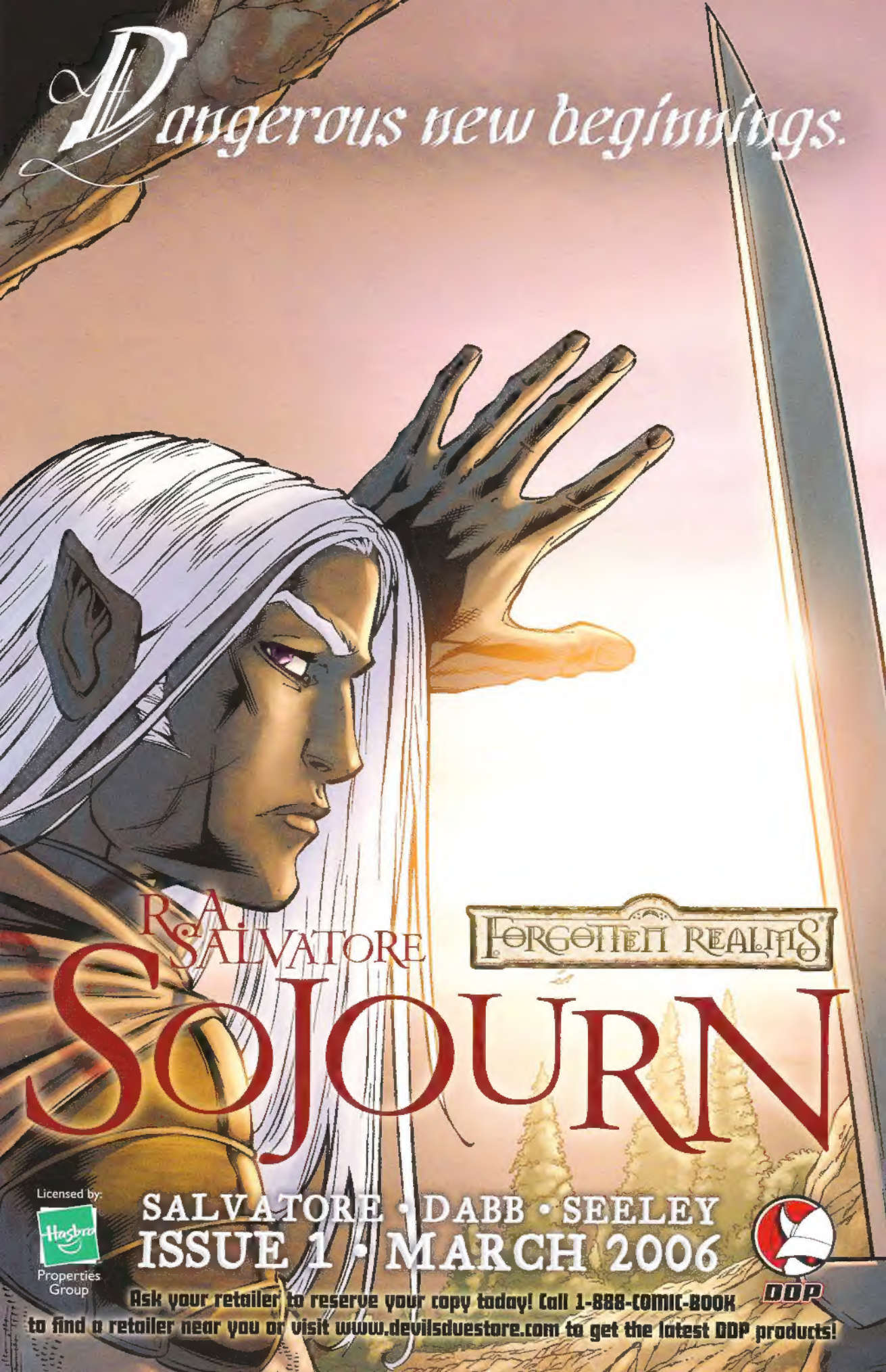
DEAN!
HELEN. WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
GOOD TO SEE YOU, TOO.
I'M SORRY, I JUST DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE YOU HERE. THOUGHT YOU'D HAVE YOUR HANDS FULL.
I DO. BUT IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED, THE EYES OF TEXAS ARE ALL ON JERICHO COUNTY HOSPITAL.
HAVE YOU SPOKEN WITH -
BRIEFLY. THEY'VE CALLED AN EMERGENCY MEETING TONIGHT.
I DON'T THINK I CAN MAKE IT.
WHY? IS THE WIFE GETTING SUSPICIOUS?
IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT. I'VE KINDA GOT MY HANDS FULL HERE.
YOU'VE GOT YOUR HANDS FULL? DEAN, I -
DR. EDWARDS!
WE HAVE A SITUATION WITH MRS. HEWITT. SHE'S DEMANDING TO SEE HER NIECE.
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.

PLEASE COME. YOU NEED TO BE THERE. I NEED YOU THERE.
I'LL DO MY BEST.
DEAN.... DON'T LET HER OUT OF YOUR SIGHT.
I'M SORRY, MA'AM. THE DOCTOR IS NOT ALLOWING VISITORS AT THIS TIME.
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM HERE?
I WANT TO KNOW WHY I'M NOT ALLOWED TO SEE MY NIECE!
YES, WHY IS THAT, NURSE?
UH...DOCTOR, WE JUST FINISHED ANOTHER SERIES OF TESTS. SHE NEEDS HER REST.
TESTS? WHAT TESTS? YOU TOLD ME YESTERDAY THERE WERE NO MORE TESTS; YOU WERE JUST WAITING ON RESULTS. LISTEN HERE, DOCTOR, I MAY BE OLD AND CRIPPLED, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I DON'T KNOW WHEN I'M BEING FED A LOAD OF HORSE MANURE!
MRS. HEWITT, IF YOU'LL PLEASE JUST CALM DOWN, I'LL EXPLAIN. ZAYA IS--
OKAY.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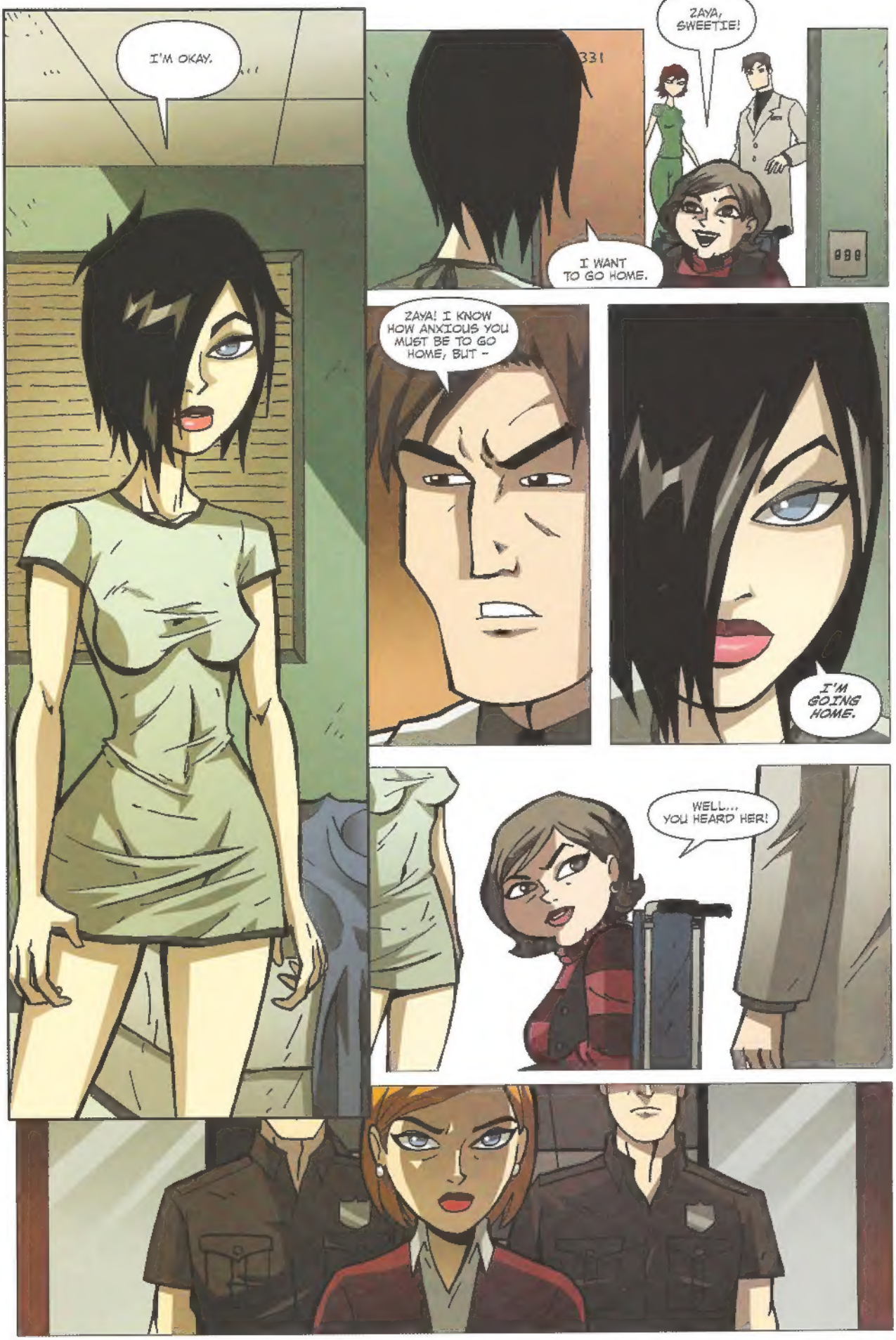
I'M OKAY.
ZAYA, SWEETIE!
I WANT TO GO HOME.
ZAYA! I KNOW HOW ANXIOUS YOU MUST BE TO GO HOME, BUT -
I'M GOING HOME.
WELL... YOU HEARD HER!

MS. MAYOR!
MS. MAYOR!
WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE VAHN GIRL?
WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?
WHAT ABOUT THE DEATH OF NURSE KELLY THOMPSON?
I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT ZAYA VAHN IS IN REMARKABLE CONDITION AND IS MAKING A SPEEDY RECOVERY.
WHAT WERE THE NATURE OF HER INJURIES?
IS THERE A SUSPECT IN CUSTODY?
I CAN'T RELEASE THAT INFORMATION AT THIS TIME, BUT I ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED IN OUR INVESTIGATION. WE WILL -
ZAYA!
ZAYA!
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
CAN YOU TELL US WHAT HAPPENED?
WHERE ARE YOUR ABDUCTORS?
J.P.D
IS IT TRUE YOU WERE BRAINWASHED BY A DOOMSDAY CULT?
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT! EVERYONE BACK OFF!

DO SOMETHING, DEAN!
OKAY, ZAYA, I THINK THAT'S ENOUGH FRESH AIR FOR NOW.
LET'S GET YOU BACK INSIDE AND -
TAKE YOUR DIRTY HANDS OFF ME!
GAK!

ZAYA!
HEY, HEY! TAKE IT EASY!
TAKE HER HOME, MAKE HER GET SOME REST. I'LL BE STOPPING IN TO CHECK ON HER LATER.
THANK YOU, SHERIFF.
UNFORTUNATELY, I CAN'T PROMISE DR. EDWARDS WON'T PRESS SOME KIND OF ASSAULT CHARGES.
THAT'S ABSURD! AFTER ALL THAT POOR GIRL HAS GONE THROUGH. I MEAN, WE DON'T EVEN KNOW...
I UNDERSTAND. HER MENTAL STABILITY IS SHAKY AT BEST. THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT WE BE EXTRA CAREFUL.. I HAVE A GUT FEELING THAT WHOEVER'S RESPONSIBLE WILL BE BACK TO FINISH THE JOB...
"...IF THEY'RE NOT ALREADY HERE."
"HERE WE ARE!"

THANK YOU, SWEETIE.
I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND. YOU'RE GOING TO BE STAYING WITH ME FOR A WHILE. YOUR PARENTS--
ARE DEAD.
I WAS ABLE TO GET MOST OF YOUR OLD THINGS. I TRIED TO SET EVERYTHING UP THE BEST I COULD.
ZAYA, I JUST WANT TO SAY I'M *SO SORRY* FOR WHAT'S HAPPENED. I WANT TO HELP YOU; IF YOU'LL LET ME. I KNOW IT'S GOING TO TAKE TIME, BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I'M HERE FOR YOU, *NO MATTER WHAT.*
HASTE

WELL, I M GOING TO GET DINNER STARTED, I LL LEAVE YOU ALONE TO GET REACQUAINTED WITH YOUR THINGS. LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED ANYTHING.
KA-KANG
KA-KANG
KA-KANG
KA-KANG

KA-KANG
BZZZZ BZZZZ
--THE HELL?
BZZZZ BZZZZ
YEAH?
UMM...DID I CALL AT A BAD TIME?
NOT REALLY.
ARE YOU WITH A GIRL?
NO...NO! I JUST...WHAT DO YOU WANT?
WELL EXCUSE ME. I JUST CALLED TO CHECK ON YOU, JERK.
I'M SORRY, OKAY, IT'S JUST THAT THIS TRIP HAS BEEN HELL.
I HEARD ABOUT THAT MISSING GIRL ON THE NEWS.
WHY? WHY ARE YOU LOOKING INTO THIS?
JUST TRUST ME, OKAY? I THINK I M ONTO SOMETHING.
FINE. JUST DON'T DO ANYTHING STUPID, AND PLEASE HURRY BACK. THE MESSAGE BOARD IS ALREADY BUZZING WITH RUMORS THAT THIS IS JUST ANOTHER PUBLICITY STUNT.
GOD, THEY'RE NEVER GONNA LET THAT GO, ARE THEY? IT WAS ALL JUST -

DANIEL?
DANIEL?
DANIEL, THIS ISN'T FUNNY.
ZAYA!
HI, DANIEL!
ALRIGHT, YOU BASTARD-- WHATEVER THE HELL YOU ARE, YOU WANNA MESS WITH ME?

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HIT ME WITH THAT, ARE YOU?
OH, THIS. . I WAS JUST. .UM, REARRANGING.
SLAM!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
YOUR JACKET. I THOUGHT I'D RETURN IT.
THANKS, BUT SHOULDN'T YOU BE, YOU KNOW...IN THE HOSPITAL?
I'M FEELING BETTER.
DOES ANYONE KNOW YOU'RE HERE?
I DON'T THINK SO.

UGH... I HATE MY HAIR.
DANIEL, I -
ZAYA, I -
YOU GO FIRST.
WELL, I'M SURE SHE'S A LITTLE OVERWHELMED, CONSIDERING...
I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME. IT WAS VERY COOL OF YOU.
ANYONE IN MY PLACE WOULD HAVE DONE THE SAME. BUT, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT I'VE NEVER UNDERGONE A 12 HOUR POLICE INTERROGATION FOR A GIRL BEFORE...
HEH HEH...
SO, WHERE ARE YOU STAYING?
WITH MY AUNT. SHE'S A SWEET LADY, AND SHE MEANS WELL, BUT I THINK SHE'S AFRAID OF ME.
SO, WHAT BRINGS YOU TO JERICHO? SEEMS LIKE A RANDOM PLACE TO VISIT.

I'M HERE TO SEE THE LIGHTS... FOR A STORY I'M DOING.
OH YEAH. THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO START TONIGHT.
YEAH, I WAS JUST ABOUT TO HEAD OVER THERE.
CAN I GO WITH YOU?
THAT'S PROBABLY NOT A GOOD IDEA.
PLEASE? I CAN SHOW YOU THE PERFECT SPOT TO SEE THEM, AWAY FROM ALL THE CROWDS.
I'M SORRY. I'D LOVE TO, BUT NO. HOW ABOUT I DROP YOU OFF AT YOUR AUNT'S -
SLAM!
NO!
I'M GOING WITH YOU!
UMM.. ALRIGHT.
CAN I USE YOUR BATHROOM?
IF I SAY YES, DO YOU PROMISE NOT TO KICK MY ASS?
I DON'T MAKE PROMISES.

ATONEMENT

SHERIFF BANKS
MS. MAYOR. NICE OF YOU TO GRACE US WITH YOUR PRESENCE.
ANY CLOSER TO CATCHING OUR KILLER?
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THIS WAS A MURDER? MAYBE NURSE THOMPSON LIKED TO PLAY WITH MATCHES.
MAYBE IF YOU CHECKED THE SECURITY TAPES—
ALREADY DID. NOTHING BUT STATIC FOR ABOUT HALF AN HOUR...RIGHT ABOUT THE TIME OF THE MURDER. LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE KNEW WHAT THEY WERE DOING.
WHAT ABOUT THE SUSPECT YOU HAVE IN CUSTODY,...THE MAN WHO FOUND ZAYA?
WHAT MAKES YOU SO SURE?
MY GUT.
YOU GOING TO RISK LETTING A KILLER LOOSE BASED ON YOUR GUT?
HEY, BOSS! WE'VE GOT THREE MORE DEAD BODIES, ALL BURNED.
TRASH

...LIVE FROM JERICHO, TEXAS, WHERE HUNDREDS OF SPECTATORS AND TRUE BELIEVERS HAVE GATHERED TO WATCH THE ANNUAL APPEARANCE OF THE JERICHO LIGHTS.
motel
WELCOME TRU BLIEVRZ
ALTHOUGH SCIENCE HAS YET TO OFFER AN EXPLANATION FOR THE LIGHTS, THAT HASN'T STOPPED THE CITIZENS OF JERICHO FROM BESTOWING UPON THEM AN OTHERWORLDLY ORIGIN.
WELCOME GALACTIC VISITORS!
READY TO GO?
YEAH. EVERYTHING OKAY?
JUST GIRL STUFF.
SAY NO MORE!
WHAT'S WRONG?
NOTHING. WHY?
YOU JUST SEEM A LITTLE NERVOUS.
JUST MAKING SURE I DIDN'T FORGET ANYTHING.

KA-KANG
KA-KANG

KA-KANG
KA-KANG
TO BE CONTINUED...

BEACH HEAD COVER GIRL TUNNEL RAT

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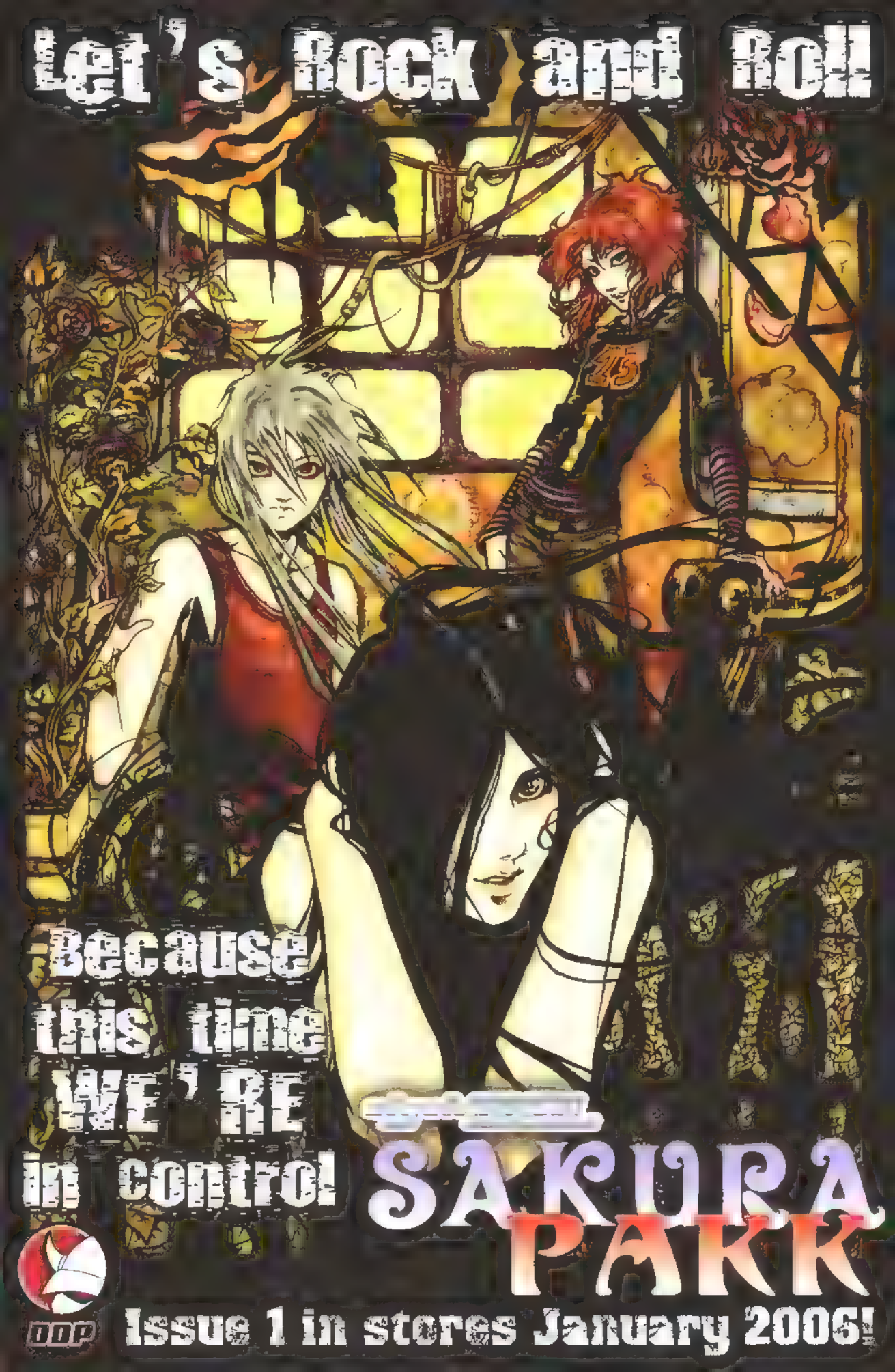
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